

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) 13 mercy petitions for commutation of death sentences under Article 72 of the Constitution were received during the last three years.

(b) Details are provided in the attached *statement*.

Statement

S.No. Name of the Prisoner

1. Dhananjoy Chatterjee,
Central Prison Alipore,
Calcutta, West Bengal.
2. Laxman Nayak,
Circle Jail Barpada,
Orissa.
3. Bheru Singh,
Central Prison, Jaipur,
Rajasthan.
4. Shankar alias Gauri Shankar,
Central Prison, Salem,
Tamil Nadu.
5. Eldin alias Albert,
Central Prison, Madurai,
Tamil Nadu.
6. Suresh Chandra Bahri,
Central Jail, Bhagalpur,
Bihar.
7. Amrutlal Someshwar Joshi,
Yervada Central Prison,
Pune, Maharashtra.
8. Ravji @ Ram Chander,
Central Prison, Indore,
Rajasthan.
9. Uma Shankar s/o Bheru Lal
Central Prison Indore,
Madhya Pradesh.
10. Gantela Vijayavaradhanarao,
Rajahmundry Central Prison,
Andhra Pradesh.
11. Sathuluri Chalapathi Rao,
Rajahmundry Central Prison,
Andhra Pradesh.
12. Kamta Tewari,
Central Prison Jabalpur,
Madhya Pradesh.
13. Surja Ram,
Central Prison Jaipur,
Rajasthan.

Industrial Co-operatives of SC/ST Communities

2491. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated schemes to encourage the industrial cooperative ventures of SC/ST communities for their economic emancipation;

(b) if so, the details thereof with financial allocation available to Maharashtra under these schemes during the current year, schemewise;

(c) details of projects cleared and under consideration so far; and

(d) the steps being taken to clear them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) The Government have established National Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation under Section 25 (Not for Profit) of the Companies Act, 1956, on 8th February, 1989 with the objective to extend highly concessional financial assistance to SCs and STs having income below double the poverty line for income generating schemes. The loan is extended to individual SC/STs below double the poverty line, partnership firms, joint individuals and cooperative societies where all the members belong to SC/ST community and are also below double the poverty line. The Cooperative Societies include industrial cooperative ventures also. So far as the State of Maharashtra is concerned, industrial cooperative projects with a project cost of Rs. 130.80 lakhs have been sanctioned. So far as the current year is concerned, no proposal of industrial cooperative was received. Therefore, in the current year no project has been sanctioned. No proposal of any industrial cooperative from the State of Maharashtra is pending for approval.

Liquidity crisis of Sugar Mills

2492. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the other measures taken by the Government to solve the liquidity crisis faced by the sugar mills apart from increase in sugar buffer stock, encouraging its export and higher allocation for the Public Distribution System; and

(b) the net effect of those measures?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The zonal ex-factory prices of levy sugar for the 1996-97 season have been revised on 12.2.1997 and are retrospectively effective from 1.10.1996. The sugar mills have been allowed to pack sugar in consumer packs of 1, 2 & 5 kgs. thereby improving their returns on the average ex-factory prices by way of direct

marketing. Stock holding limits of sugar dealers have been enhanced to 1000 quintals and turnover period to 30 days thereby allowing larger retention by trade and greater demand for the factories. The monthly treasale releases of sugar during the current sugar season have been generally kept at a higher level as compared to the corresponding month of the previous sugar season. All these measures have been taken to solve the liquidity crisis that was being faced by the sugar mills.

(b) It is not possible to quantify the individual impact of these measures.

Subsidy on the Urea

2493. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the cost per tonne as subsidy on the indigenous and imported urea, separately;

(b) the import target of urea for the current year;

(c) the total consumption of indigenous as well as imported urea; and

(d) the total subsidy on Urea paid during the last two years and subsidy estimated for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The subsidy on indigenously manufactured urea was Rs. 2236 per metric tonne upto 22-2-1997 and Rs. 1896 PMT thereafter, computed on the basis of weighted average retention price of urea. The per tonne subsidy on urea imports upto 7-3-1997 during the current year works out to Rs. 4980 per metric tonne.

(b) Imports of Urea during the current financial year amount to 23.28 lakh metric tonnes. No further imports are planned for the present.

(c) The total consumption of urea during 1996-97 is expected to be about 201 lakhs metric tonnes.

(d) The total subsidy on controlled fertilizers during 1994-95 and 1995-96 was Rs. 5241.02 crore and Rs. 6234.99 crore, respectively. The subsidy outgo during 1996-97 is estimated at Rs. 6093 crore.

[Translation]

Voluntary Organisations

2434. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of voluntary organisations working in Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the extent of financial assistance provided to these Voluntary organisations by the Central Government during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether complaints in regard to the misuse of funds have been received from these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the guilty organisations?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) A statement is enclosed as statement-I and II in respect of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

(b) A statement is enclosed as Statement-III.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) On receipt of complaints/adverse inspection reports from the State Governments grants have been stopped in case of 10 NGOs in UP and 1 NGO in Himachal Pradesh.

Statement-I

List of Voluntary Organisations getting Grant-in-aid from Government of India, Ministry of Welfare.

UTTAR PRADESH

Welfare of Scheduled Castes :

S.No. Name and address of the Organisation

1	2
1.	Iswaran Saran Ashram, Ishwar Nagar, Allahabad.
2.	Bijnor Seva Sansthan, Mandavar Road, Mendauli Sethu PO, Bijnor, Distt: Bijnor.
3.	Kisan Seva Samiti, V and P : Mundi Bakapur, Bulandshahar.
4.	Sarvajan Kalyan Samiti, 7, Race Course Colony, Bulandshahar.
5.	Garhwal Sabzi Supplier and Anusuchit Jati Unemployed Samiti, Gopeswar, Chamoli.
6.	Adarsh Kalyan Seva Samiti, 54/2, Joshiapura, Bahraich.
7.	Indira Rashtriya Chetna Evam Samajothan Sansthan, Hoshiyari Mandir, Raiwala, Dehradun.
8.	Jan Kalyan Shiksha Samiti, Bhathahin Khurd (Lala), Deoria.
9.	Samaj Kalyan Shiksha Sansthan, Vill : Baliawa, (Karawanhin) PO : Nakatahan, Mishra, (Via) Fazil Nagar, Padarwana.
10.	Gyan Bharti Mahila Kalyan Avam Shiksha Samiti, 10002, Holi Gate, Etah.
11.	Awadh Sansthan, Ramghat, Ayodhya, Faizabad.
12.	Rattan Gramodyog Seva Sansthan, Faizabad.
13.	JP Seva Samiti, Firozpur, Post Amolar, Farrukhabad.
14.	Swami Atmdev Gopal and Shiksha Sansthan, Ujarpur, Post Pipergaon, Farrukhabad.
15.	Shri Saraswati Shiksha Prasar Samiti, Singhnagar, PO, Jhansi, Farrukhabad.